

## Minutes

NAFA® Board of Directors Meeting, September 30, 2021

Held via Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 Travel Restrictions

### **Attendees**

Jonathan Bescher  
Steve Corona  
Leerie Jenkins  
Kathy Haney  
Dana Hanson  
Cindy Henderson  
Emma Mak  
Lynda Mantler  
Jayne McQuillen

Executive Director: Neil Flood

Guest: Karen Oleson

### **Officers' Reports**

#### Chair's Comments:

1. Welcome. Meeting called to order at 6:05pm CST.  
Steve thanked the board members for making time in the week to attend.

#### Executive Director's Comments:

1. New Regional Director for Region 13. Terri Parrow Botsford and Keira Chin have stepped down as co-RDs in Region 13. Neil thanked Terri and Keira for their service. Neil asked the board to approve Dave Strauss as RD in region 13. A motion was made and passed to appoint Dave Strauss as RD.
2. World Records set in the CanAm class. Jon motioned to allow CanAm regular and CanAm multi-breed to count for world records. Seconded by Cindy. Discussion followed and the motion was passed with no objections.
3. Double points amendment for regions that can't play. Discussion regarding extending double points for regions that need to close down due to COVID. The board will consider this if the situation arises.
4. Region 7 regional points. NAFA is fully opening as of October 1. The international border is only open one way so it is difficult for the whole region to play together. The region could be split but tournaments could still be not feasible. Discussion with stakeholders in the region will take place.
5. NAFA and regional points from this past year. These awards were cancelled for the FY 2021.

6. NAFA's general mask policy for host clubs to follow. A fulsome discussion took place regarding NAFA's mask policy. The mask requirement can be included in the comments section of the sanctioning form. If the CDC states mask are recommended, then attendees should wear a mask. This topic will be discussed at an upcoming RD meeting.
7. Mask policy for CanAm. Masks will be required while indoors at the venue unless actively eating or drinking. A further communication for CanAm attendees will be sent before CanAm.
8. Half Day Tournament request from Mike Smith. A request has been received to seek approval to hold two small tournaments in the same day. There was discussion about only approving the tournaments held on the same day if in aggregate, they did not exceed the maximum number of heats allowed for a one-day tournament and the tournaments would pass every other test as if it were one tournament. The database is not set up to accommodate 2 tournaments in one day. This presents a technical problem which can't be changed quickly or easily.
9. Website Cleanup. After CanAm Neil will work on getting quotes for updating the NAFA website and the NAFA CanAm website.

The board took a short break from 8:05pm - 8:15pm

#### Treasurer's Report:

1. Financials will be provided at the next meeting.

#### Secretary's Report:

1. Minutes of the August 18, 2021 Board meeting have been approved and posted.

#### Election Committee:

1. Nominations close today, September 30, 2021. At this time there have been no nominations received for Judge of the Year.

Steve took the board into executive session at 8:17pm

The board exited executive session at 8:20pm

The board discussed upcoming election items.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Judges Committee:

1. Apprentice Measuring and Judging assignments.

Carried over from the last meeting, do the supervising judges need to be from separate regions?

The judges committee recommends that supervising judges must be from separate regions for MO training assignments.

Jon moved to have the supervising judges for measuring and judging assignments be from two separate regions. Leerie seconded.

Jon questioned if there is a good way to determine what region a judge is from as some judges live in one region and race in another region. Emma indicated that the wording is in Chapter 2.

The motion passed with no objections

2. Waiving measuring requirement for FY 2022.

Proposal to waive because in FY 2022, we expect to have a mixture of the wicket and the laser being official measuring devices.

Jon moved to waive the measuring requirements for judges in FY 2022. Leerie seconded.

Question: Is it not a bit early to make this decision? Jon feels the majority of judges will measure at least 10 dogs to be certified on the new laser device, however, these measures will not count toward their requirement and are not recorded. Jon is not opposed to waiting to make this decision.

Leerie discussed the different requirements for the wicket, and the laser.

The motion passed with no objections.

Rules Committee:

1. Warm-up spot (formerly 7<sup>th</sup> dog)

Emma moved to accept the recommendation of the Rules committee 3.2 clubs, teams and timesheets for the new warm up spot. John seconded.

Lynda questioned the wording regarding the ring conflict and received clarification that it is at the discretion of the TD.

The motion passed with no objections.

Emma moved to alter section 7.5 changing clubs to accommodate the 7th dog which is exempt from the 87-day rule. Jayne seconded.

There was no discussion

The motion passed with no objections.

Emma moved to accept rules committee recommendations. For section 8 The Heat moving wording from section 3 to section 8. Jon seconded.

The motion passed with no objections

2. Chapter 2 Judges.

Emma moved to accept Rules Committee recommendation for changes to Chapter 2 judges. Jon seconded

The board reviewed the Chapter 2 Judges wording; judges home region, dogs measured for measuring official assignments.

The motion passed with no objections.

Emma moved to accept the wording for the certification process for the laser measuring apparatus to be published at the beginning of the rulebook.

Jon seconded.

The motion passed with no objections.

- Rulers – Discussion on a solution for laser measuring on the floor.  
If the rulers are not going to change right away, how will this be dealt with. Leerie suggested that if the floor is lower where the ruler goes than where the tripod goes, then switch them. The judges will discuss this at CanAm to figure out a solution which may include having a mat for the dog to stand on.

Finance:

Nominating Committee

- Nominations for BoD, JoY, HoF and Regional MVPs opened on August 12, 2021 and will close on September 30, 2021.
- Holding MVP nominations to current year points for eligibility.

Marketing Committee:

- Junior Handler pin design winner.  
Using the poll voting, the board of directors and marketing committee members voted resulting in the winner; 2 kids, a dog and a ball submitted by Jordan VandeVenter, 14 years old, Harmony Flyball Club. The winner will be announced on Facebook and NAFA News and will also be announced at CanAm as well as a copy of the design displayed at CanAm.
- Judges Tenure Recognition.  
It's not feasible to add something to the judge's pin. We can use the existing design and engrave the year we are recognizing, and/or add a stone (in different colors). The engraving and the stone will cost more. Not sure how many we'd want to order, probably about 250. 250 pins (just engraving) will be \$493, \$575 for the engraving and stone. This is in line with the Jr. Participant pins.  
The consensus is to use the current pin design and have the year engraved without a stone. A mock-up of the pin will be requested and presented to the board.

Disciplinary Committee:

Disciplinary Committee Report:			Effective Date
Bonnie Szoka	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	05/01/2020
Grizzly, 160097	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Preacher, 140875	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Snickers, 150646	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Strut, 110221	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Whisper, 110704	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Prank, 140408	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Ripple, 120746	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Daisy, 120612	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Envy, 120477	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Scout, 110222	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020

Torch, 100047	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Zonda, 090536	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Style, 090142	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Tonka, 080349	Suspension	Administrative excusal	05/01/2020
Cash, 140545	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	04/25/2015
Tommie, 100016	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	06/08/2014
Taj, 090259	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	05/04/2014
Tux, 100191	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	10/29/2013
Roxie, 051102	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	8/22/2011
Gimli, 040608	Suspension	Two aggression excusals	11/17/2008
Marion Brinkman	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Mike Mattos	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	Indefinitely
Janet Nelson Morris	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998
Dave Mueller	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998
Cheryl Mueller	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998
Jennifer Nelson	Suspension	Conduct prejudicial to the sport of NAFA flyball	1998

Review Panel:

1. Ziggy – CRN 190694 – Aggression excusal appeal in process.

**Special Committee Reports**

Technology Committee:

1. Website Clean-up – Jayne McQuillen  
Covered in ED discussion. People seeing flyball on social media are interested in learning more and have been directed to the NAFA website. The website can be improved to help support that traffic.
2. EJS Update from Dave Thomas.  
Steve will forward the email he received from Dave Thomas for board members that are interested.

Communications Committee:

CanAm Steering Committee:

1. Lynda will work on being a docent to clubs that are at CanAm for the first time.
2. Ashley Hilliker will be one of the announcers working with AKC TV and ESPN. Some board members have also offered to be available for this.
3. The mock-up of the championship ring looks very good.

4. Some practice races will be run in the Coliseum on Saturday to allow the TV crews to rehearse.
5. Clubs that will participating in the championship races will be asked to provide bios so that the announcers will have some background information on the handlers and dogs.

Special Measuring Committee:

1. Measuring Training Videos – Plan to release three videos.  
Cindy: We don't have a video showing measuring on the floor. If we can use the videos with the rulers we have, then they are ready to go.  
Tips on training can be released.  
How to get the videos published was discussed. Copyright wording will be added.  
Cindy and Jon will coordinate how to make these videos available for viewing.

Old Business:

New Business:

Meeting adjourned at 9:54pm